

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 10-15 and 17-19 are pending in this case. Claims 10, 17, and 19 are amended, and Claim 16 is canceled by the present amendment. The amendment to Claim 10 is supported by originally-filed Claim 7 and by canceled Claim 16, and the changes to Claims 17 and 19 correct matters of form and delete now-redundant subject matter because Claim 19 depends from Claim 10. Thus, no new matter is added.

Further, this amendment is properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(1).

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph; Claims 10-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Foxlin (U.S. Patent No. 5,645,077); and Claims 16-18 were indicated as allowed.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowability.

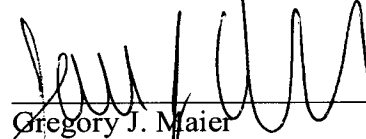
Claim 19 is supported in the originally-filed disclosure at least at page 11, lines 5-7, and page 18, lines 9-11. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn.

Claim 10 is amended to recite the subject matter of Claim 16, which was indicated as allowed. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) of Claim 10 and Claims 11-15, which depend therefrom, be withdrawn.

Further, because all the pending dependent claims depend from Claim 10, which includes the subject matter of allowed Claim 16, all the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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